

Attachment I
Dean's Report for February 12, 2002 Faculty Senate Meeting

Academic Programs

The enrollment continued to increase both for IUPUI and our School. Our total student credit hours went up 7.64% for spring 2002 semester as compared to the spring 2001 semester. The two largest increases came from computer graphics technology and computer engineering programs.

Budget Condition

No additional details are available for the fiscal year of 2002-03 and beyond, as the legislative session that started in January 2002 has not ended yet. The Budgetary Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate met last semester and recommended few possible budget scenarios for the School.

Faculty Recognition

Zina Ben-Miled received NSF Career Award, first ever in the School. This is a highly prestigious 5-year, \$500,000 award given to young and promising engineering or science researchers.

Joy Starks co-authored another textbook, "Microsoft Publisher 2002", as part of Shelly Cashman Series.

Guidant Endowed Chair

Guidant Corporation will fund an endowed chair in Biomedical Engineering for \$1.7M. The formal announcement and celebration will take place in April. This brings us closer to our Comprehensive Campaign goal of \$8M.

Student Events

Group of our students will enter the national "Battlebot" competition at the end of this semester and another group is helping two high schools to enter the FIRST competition this month. Both projects are for designing, building, testing, and running robots.

Our School co-sponsored "Tech Etiquette" luncheon on February 8, 2002 jointly with IUPUI Career Center and the University College. Several of our students as well as few of our faculty and staff members attended and polished their eating etiquette with the guidance of nationally known business etiquette consultant. A workshop followed the lunch.

Our School will kick off the National Engineers Week (February 17-23) with our annual Bridge Building Competition sponsored by Indiana Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Department of Construction Technology.

The IUPUI Moonbuggy Design and Race team is creating an all-new Moonbuggy to race this year at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center on Saturday, April 13. They have completed the design and a successful fundraising campaign.

Senate Bill 51

Senator Larry Borst again introduced his bill to change IUPUI into a new public university, University of Central Indiana. The bill passed the senate finance committee and it was presented to a full senate last week. Senator Borst, however, withdrew his bill, as there were not enough votes to support its passage.

30-Year Anniversary of the School

We are getting ready to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our existence as a school during 2002. Our school and the School of Science were officially founded in September 1972. The activities will include departmental alumni events, seminar series, IU/Purdue football game, dinner function at the Indiana State Museum, and others. We plan to create a CD and a yearbook as well. Paula Jenkins-Williams and her staff are leading our efforts.